

Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton

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Third Sunday of Lent

20 March 2022

Sat	19	G	6.00pm	Mass	Berney Murphy-Smith <i>RIP</i>
Sun	20	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Theresa Cole <i>lately dead</i> [SVP]
Mon	21	S	10.00am	Mass	Fr Peter Johnson <i>1st anniversary</i>
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Wed	23	G	6.30pm	Mass	Theresa Cole <i>lately dead</i> [M.ON]
			7.00pm	Rosary	<i>in our homes</i>
Thu	24	S	10.00am	Mass	In thanksgiving [J]
Fri	25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD			
		G	10.00am	Mass	Diane Pattinson <i>RIP</i>
		G	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross	

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat	26	G	6.00pm	Mass	Judith Swarbrick <i>RIP-birthday</i> [LB]
Sun	27	S	8.30am	Mass	People of our Parishes
		G	10.30am	Mass	Tom Foster <i>lately dead</i>

First Holy Communion 2022

This week, children of our parishes begin their preparations for First Holy Communion. Please hold the children, their families, and our catechists in your prayers, that God will build our parishes strong in faith and in witness to Christ and his gospel. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross

I'm very grateful to the parishioners who have offered to lead Stations of the Cross. **Friday 1 & Friday 8 April** are currently in need of leaders: individuals, couples, friends, parish groups. Various versions are available, and you might have ideas of your own. Please let me know. Many thanks, Fr Geoffrey

Garstang Parish Draw yearly subs

It's that time of year again that we ask you to pay your yearly subs. Yearly subs will stay at £20 for the year. We would like as many of you as possible to pay by standing order - online or direct with your bank, as this worked well over the last couple of years.

- If you already have a yearly standing order in place, no action is required.
- By setting up a yearly standing order – online or direct with your bank (*see details below*).
- By making a one-off BACs payment for this year's subs (*see details below*).
- If you are not in a position to pay by standing order, please make a payment by cheque or cash. Place a cheque (*see details below*) / Cash in an envelope enclosing your full name, address and contact number. Put in an envelope labelled Parish Draw subs and drop in at the presbytery or place in the collection tray at the back of church.

BACs payments to be set up by 31 March 2022, please.

Bank details: Parish of SS Mary & Michael, Garstang – Draw Account (*On-line setup select 'add Business'*). Account: 01589091; Sort Code: 40-27-02.

Please use your full name as the reference so we can match the payment against our list of members.

Cheques made payable to: SS Mary & Michael Parish Draw.

If you have any problems with any of the above payment methods this year, please contact us via the Parish office; put Parish Draw in the subject heading; leave your name and number and we will contact you as soon as we can. Thanking you in advance, Trish & Kev.

Aid to the Church in Need

Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) is despatching €1m (more than £830,000) in emergency help for Church communities in Ukraine. Bishops, priests and Sisters across Ukraine are helping to support people in need of food, clothing and other necessities as displaced families take shelter in the basements and other underground shelters of Churches, parish halls and other religious buildings. Please pray for Ukraine.

To support the ACN Ukraine emergency appeal, visit www.acnuk.org.

Liturgy of Reconciliation

We will celebrate the Lenten Liturgy of Reconciliation for our parishes on **Saturday 2 April**, 10.00am.

Gift Aid administrator for Garstang

St Mary & St Michael's is looking for someone to assist in administering the Gift Aid scheme and Standing Orders. This is a great financial asset to the parish, not an onerous task, and takes up little personal time.

If you can help, please have a word with Fr Geoffrey. Thank you.

Grounds for personal satisfaction? "I could do that."

We are so fortunate to have excellent grounds surrounding our church at Garstang. Soon we'll need to extend the cemetery area and this, in itself, will necessitate additional work to maintain the grounds in good order.

We have a dedicated band who mow the various grassed areas, but numbers have recently been depleted, and we need new volunteers to join one of our four teams. This will involve approximately three hours once each month. "I could do that."

In addition, what of the other areas which require attention? Brushing the pathways and keeping them weed-free? "I could do that." Brushing the pavement at the front of church? "I could attend to that." Tending the small flower borders at the front and side of church? "I could do that."

What of starting a gardening club, or working alongside a "gardening buddy"? Please do not be afraid of saying, "I could do that." You might well achieve a great deal of personal satisfaction in volunteering for one of these.

In the first instance, please contact Peter Brown, either directly or through the parish office. Thank you.

Red Box Magazines

These are available for collection at the back of church; whether you have a mission box or not please feel free to take a magazine. Also included is a leaflet giving information about the Venerable Pauline Jaricot, one of Missio's founders, who will be beatified on 22 May, 200 years after establishing the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. If you would like to have your mission box emptied, please contact Celia Horn. Thank you.

Catherine Ryan : many thanks ...

... to Catherine, who has now concluded her many years of service as one of our organists in Garstang. We are very grateful to Catherine for her hard work and commitment, ... and relieved that she has passed on her gifts to her daughter, Fiona.

Theresa Cole : many thanks ...

The Cole family would like to thank parishioners and friends for their prayers, Mass intentions, friendship and many kindnesses during and following Theresa's illness. Thank you also for the generous donations in her memory. The total donated was £480 which, as Theresa requested, will be shared between the church and the SVP. The parish will put its £240 towards the cost of the new pinnacle on the tower. *Fr Geoffrey*

Please pray for ...

Those who have died recently. Revd Brian Burns, Revd John Selby (retired deacons of the diocese), Agnes Gallagher.

Those who are ill or infirm. Paula Seager, John Bolton, Margaret Brocklehurst, O Murphy, Rory Montgomery, Tony Clark, Mary Jo Counsell, Theresa Thompson, Pat Kennedy, Caroline Nurse, Caroline Rigby, Tony Blunt, Philippa Haynes, Yvonne Shaw, Barry Robinson, Elaine Stajniack, Anne Hunt, Jean Andrews, Tony Smith, Andrew Whipp, Simon Crossley, John Cookson, Marie Swarbrick, Peter Holland, Martina Cople, Dorothy Evans, Ian Moran, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Kathryn, Lucy & Family, Jessica Holmes.

Those whose anniversary we keep: Josephine Seed, John Swift, George Bernard Clarey, André Ferguson, Ann Rigg, Rev. Bernard Whiteside, Betty Gornall, Austin Walmsley, Harry Swarbrick, Kate Simkin, John Gillett, Dorothy Rose Kelsall, Francis Bryan, Brian Richardson, Frank Walmsley, Gladys Richardson, Nellie Hodges and Frances Dickinson.